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SUBJECT: HUROK OFFICE FIRE-BOMBING

1. SOVIET PRESS OVER WEEKEND CONTINUED TO GIVE ATTENTION TO NY FIRE-BOMBINGS. IZVESTIYA JANUARY 29 CARRIED LONG POEM ON INCIDENTS BY YEVTUSHENKO WHICH WAS TELEPHONED FROM NY DURING HIS CURRENT LECTURE TOUR OF US. POEN DESCRIBES TRAMPLING OF SOVIET ART AND DEATH OF YOUNG AMERICAN WOMAN AS ANTI-RUSSIAN, ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-AMERICAN ACTS REMINISCENT OF BABIY YAR. IT ENDS WITH CONVICTION THAT "HONEST AMERICA" WILL DEFEND RUSSIAN ART AND THAT ANGEL OF ART WILL TRANSCEND "CRAZY AND LEPROUS" ELEMENTS AND "ETERNALLY FLY FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE."

2. PRAVDA ARTICLE JANUARY 30 TOOK MORE PROSAIC AND HARD-LINE POSITION. CITING CHIEFLY CPUSA SOURCES, TASS NY DISPATCH ASSERTS "PROGRESSIVE" AMERICANS CONDEMN INCIDENTS. IT GOES ON, HOWEVER, TO CLAIM THAT DESPITE AUTHORITIES' ASSURANCES THAT EVERYTING WOULD BE DONE TO SOLVE CRIMES, "TO THIS DAY, NOT ONE OF ORGANIZERSAND PERPETRATORS OF MANY CRIMES COMMITTED BY ZIONISTS HAS BEEN PUNISHED. AND NOW, DESPITE OBVIOUS PARTICIPATIONOF JDL IN THIS CRIME, NOT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, ACCORDING TO POLICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, HAS EVEN BEEN QUESTIONED."
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